Spectroscopy of Mass/Charge Selected Cations and Anions in Helium Droplets

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Outline

IR Spectroscopy in He Nanodroplets

m/z selected cations and anions

Fluoride Chemistry

F-, and its reactivity towards CO₂ and H₂O

Glycosyl Cations

Characterisation of an important reaction intermediate





Pickup by liquid helium droplets

Pick-up of neutral species from a gas cell



Pick-up of ions from a linear ion trap



Liquid helium droplet setup



The FHI FEL





Specifications



The time structure of IR output given by electrons: micro-pulses and macro-pulses



IR output:

- macro-pulse length > 10 µs
- > 100 mJ / macro-pulse
- 10 20 µJ / micro-pulse
- micro-pulse length 0.3 >5 ps
- FT-limited bandwidth: 0.3 5% of central frequency



Multiple photon excitation in a macropuls



Protonated Water Clusters





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PRODUCTION OF FLUOROFORMATE





HALIDE-CO₂ COMPLEXES



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IR Spectroscopy of Fluoroformate



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IR SPECTROSCOPY OF $FCO_2^- + 18$





REACTION COORDINATE OF FCO_2^- + H_2O



D. A. Thomas, et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2019, 141, 5815-5823.



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Probing the Structure of Glycosyl Cations



Stereoselective glycosylation reactions:



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E. Mucha, et al., Nature Comm. 2018, 9, 4174.

Probing the Structure of Glycosyl Cations





- Theory provides low energy structure candidates
- Good agreement between theory and experiment
- Ions adopt dioxolenium structures
- Various ring puckers found

Highly resolved IR spectra

Shock Freezing in Helium Nanodroplets



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Proof of Principle – Dinucleotide dTpdA





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